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Re application of: Leek, William F.

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Group No.: 3637

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For: Automatic Take-up Device with Internal Spring

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
(37 C.F.R. 1.114)

1. Applicant hereby requests continued examination, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. Section 1.114, for the above identified application.

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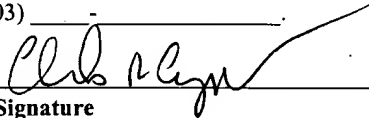
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TIME REQUEST IS BEING MADE

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2. This request is being submitted: Prior to payment of issue fee.

ENCLOSURES

3. Enclosed herewith is:

An information disclosure (37 C.F.R. Section 1.98)

Form PTO-1449 (PTO/SB/08A and 08B)

FEE FOR REQUEST (37 C.F.R. Section 1.17(e)).

4. This application is on behalf of: Other than a small entity
Continued Prosecution Request Fee: \$750

FEE FOR CLAIMS

5. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. Section 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

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The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. Section 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

	(Col.1)		(Col. 2)	(Col. 3)	OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY	
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Addit. Fee
Total	20	Minus	20	= 0	x \$18 =	\$0
Indep.	1	Minus	3	= 0	x \$80 =	\$0
First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim					+ \$270 =	\$0
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No additional fee for claims is required.

EXTENSION OF TIME

6. The proceedings herein are for a patent application, and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. Section 1.136(a) apply.

Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, this is a conditional petition and authorization to pay the necessary fees to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

TOTAL FEE(S) DUE

7. The total fee(s) due is/are:

Continued Prosecution Fee (Section 1.17(e)) \$750.00

Fee(s) for additional claims (Section 1.16(b)-(d)) \$0.00

Total Fee(s) Due: \$750.00

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PAYMENT OF FEE(S) DUE

8. Please pay the fee(s) for this continued examination application as follows:

Check is attached for the sum of \$710.00.

Please charge any required additional fee(s) for Section 1.17(e), Section 1.16(b)-(d) and/or Section 1.17(a)(1)-(4) to Account 03-4075

INVENTORSHIP

9. This application as amended names as inventors the same inventors as previously designated for the claims.

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